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## **IMAGINE! LAHAINA'S RICH HISTORY & HAWAIIAN CULTURE WILL BE CELEBRATED AT HISTORIC LAHAINA EVENTS** Friday, August 23 & Saturday, August 24 Old Lahaina Courthouse & Lahaina Harborfront

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LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAI'I - Lahaina Restoration Foundation (LRF) will present ***Celebrate Historic Lahaina*** on Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24, 2013. These celebration events that mark the completion of the IMAGINE community planning process for the Lahaina Harbor area and commemorate the opening of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) exhibits in Old Lahaina Courthouse are free and open to the public. **A complete schedule of events and activities follows:**

**Friday, August 23** from 3 to 4 pm - Author Katherine Kama'ema'e Smith will present a copy of *The Fleming Journals: West Maui Land Records and Family History 1905-1910* to Lahaina Library and talk story about the historical context and how these journals may be used to find West Maui kuleana lands and family histories.

6 to 9 pm - The grand opening of the NOAA exhibits and reopening of Lahaina Heritage Museum will take place in Old Lahaina Courthouse. A reception, speeches and blessing ceremony by Kekoa Yap will be followed with tours of the new exhibit and interactive displays on both floors of the courthouse.

Lahaina Heritage Museum and NOAA exhibits are open daily from 9 am to 5 pm.

Admission is free.

“The NOAA exhibits were an ambitious project that was two years in the making,” stated Theo Morrison, LRF Executive Director. “We are thrilled to open the doors and let the public enjoy this exciting, educational display. Lahaina Restoration Foundation is very appreciative of the financial support from the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, and the many artifacts and family heirlooms that the community has loaned us for display.”

**Saturday, August 24 from 10 am to 4 pm** - The public can enjoy a variety of activities between Old Lahaina Courthouse, Banyan Tree Park, Lahaina Harborfront and Lahaina Library Park.

- Under Lahaina’s landmark Banyan Tree an arts and crafts fair will be held along with Hawaiian musical entertainment presented by LahainaTown Action Committee and Lahaina Arts Society. Enjoy public art-in-action projects, including a marine mural with Lahaina Arts Association and painting a life-size whale’s tail.
- Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary staff will present a keiki fishing game and sustainable fishing displays and information.
- Hawai‘i Sanctuary Classic Fishing Contest will be coordinated by the Lahaina Yacht Club and Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary; entry is free to all kids. Poles, lines, hooks and buckets are provided. Contest registration is at the loading dock across from Pioneer Inn. Participants will receive a coupon for a free shave ice at Banyan Treats. Kids can also win prizes by entering the fishing photo competition, which takes place through the summer.
- The 3rd Annual *Grom* Magazine Lahaina Surf Bash with young surfers on the waves of U’o in the harbor surfbreak will take place all day. Boys and girls, ages 17 years and younger, are eligible.

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- On the ocean in front of Lahaina Library, the Lahaina Yacht Club will host its Junior Sailing Program with nine-foot sailboats racing in nearby waters. The Yacht Club will give free, 45-minute sails in its 30-foot sailboat. Register at the loading dock across from Pioneer Inn between 10 am and 3 pm.
- Free walking tours of Lahaina's historic and cultural sites will be offered by Maui Nei Native Expeditions, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Sign up at the Friends of Moku'ula display booth on the Lahaina Library's makai lawn.
- Throughout the day, old Hawaiian games will be held on the Lahaina Library's mauka lawn, featuring 'ulu maika, kōnane, pahe'e and more.
- The 42-foot double hulled sailing canoe, *Mo'olele*, will be moored near the library lawn. Members of Hui O Wa'a Kaulua will show images of the soon-to-be-completed *Mo'okiha O Pi'ilani* sailing canoe and offer information on voyaging.
- Hawaiian cultural demonstrations will take place around Lahaina Library, featuring hands-on kapa making, poi pounding and kalo planting. Traditional Hawaiian fishing techniques will also be demonstrated.
- A tasting booth will offer samples of traditional Hawaiian foods, such as inamona, opihi, he'e, ahi/aku poke, ele'ele, kulolo, haupia, 'ulu and 'uala, served on a ti leaf.
- Charlie Nolan, a woodworker from the former International Festival of Canoes in Lahaina will be carving a traditional Hawaiian canoe near the Lahaina Library.
- The Wharf Cinema Center will host free screenings of Hawaiian cultural videos in its conference room on the lower level. The 20-minute videos are produced by Na Maka O Ka 'Aina.

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- On display will be Duke Kahanamoku's c. 1910 surfboard from Bailey House Museum by the sailing canoe at the ocean's edge, and a plantation era tin boat made from roofing pieces by Sammy Kadotani, the unofficial Mayor of Lahaina, in Banyan Tree Park.
- The Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunrise will be installing bike racks in Banyan Tree Park for a community service project.
- Lahaina Harborfront improvements from the IMAGINE Project that will be temporarily actualized during the event are: five new interpretive signs displayed around Lahaina Library, building a raised bed lo'i kalo (taro patch) on the library lawn, installing a planter in the road in front of Pioneer Inn and Lahaina Harbor loading dock, and removing parking stalls on Hotel Street alongside Banyan Tree Park.

The purpose behind the ***Celebrate Historic Lahaina*** events is to bring the community back to the harbor area and bring awareness to its many Hawaiian cultural sites. These events will serve as a kick-off for the implementation of the IMAGINE project in creating a year-round Native Hawaiian sense of place in the area.

***Celebrate Historic Lahaina*** is produced by Lahaina Restoration Foundation and sponsored by the County of Maui Department of Planning with support and participation by many businesses and community groups. For more information, call the LRF office at 808-661-3262 or visit [LahainaRestoration.org](http://LahainaRestoration.org)